Inspection Sub-Committees and the Ration Advisory Committees have been asked to take a fresh census of all active looms in each village. When this is done, all the bogus looms will be eliminated.

"(d) In cases where yarn ration is drawn by independent or master weavers for bogus looms, the yarn ration cards for the bogus looms are cancelled and cards for other looms, if any, owned by them are either cancelled or the supply of yarn on them is suspended for some time. The licences of the master weavers to deal in cloth are also cancelled.

"(e) & (f) At present there is no machinery to ensure that all the yarn supplied to producers is converted into cloth by them and not disposed of otherwise. The Madras Handloom Cloth (Control) Order, 1947, already promulgated by the Government contemplates the creation of such a machinery. Proposals for bringing into existence as quickly as possible the machinery are under the consideration of the Government."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Are the Government aware that 500 bogus looms cards have been recovered by the present Textile Officer of Bellary and that these had been granted by his predecessor? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I have some information about some of the bogus looms that have been detected; but I cannot say whether 500 bogus looms had been detected; but I take the information from the hon. Member."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" In respect of the issue of cards for these looms, is any action proposed to be taken against the officer who granted them and those that took them?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I have indicated in my answer to clause (d) that whenever such cases are found out their cards are cancelled and no yarn is supplied to them. We have also informed the officers of the department that by drawing yarn on a card which is proved to be intended for bogus looms, the person will make himself liable to be criminally prosecuted."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I have an assurance from the Hon. Minister that expeditious steps will be adopted to trace bogus looms as soon as possible? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I have already stated that it all depends upon the active co-operation of the various advisory committees that have been constituted in the various parts of the Province."

Removal of textile machinery to places outside India.

* 106 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that owing to continued labour troubes some textile mills in the Province are arranging to shift the textile machinery to places outside India; and

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(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what steps Government propose to take to prevent the shifting of such textile machinery?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Production of chlorine in the Province.

* 107 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of factories responsible for the production of chlorine in the Province;

(*b*) the quantity produced by each factory;

(*c*) the normal consumption of chlorine in the Province;

(*d*) whether the panel on heavy chemicals has fixed any target of production to meet the increasing demand; and

(*e*) what steps the Government propose to take to step up production of chlorine?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) The Mettur Chemicals, Limited, is the only factory in the Province producing chlorine.

" (*b*) This factory produces one ton of chlorine per day.

" (*c*) Information regarding the total consumption of chlorine in the Province is not available.

" (*d*) Yes. The panel on heavy chemicals has fixed the five-year target for chlorine at 40,000 tons per annum.

" (*e*) There is no proposal to start a Government factory for the production of chlorine. The Government have however recommended to the Government of India the floatation of certain companies for the starting of factories for the manufacture of chemicals including chlorine. When these factories are started, the production of chlorine will be speeded up in the Province."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know how many factories are proposed to be set up and what is the capacity of each of them?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I would suggest to the hon. Member to put a separate question."

Takkavi loans.

* 108 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government are charging 5½ per cent as interest on takkavi loans obtained by the land owners and agriculturists under the Land Improvement Loans Act and Agriculturists' Loans Act;